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SUBJECT: (S) SHIELD S14A-06: GERMAN REQUEST FOR INFORMATION  
ON SHIPMENT OF CHEMICALS TO IRAN

REF: A. STATE 34341  
[1](#)B. 06 BERLIN 2849  
[1](#)C. 06 BERLIN 2015  
[1](#)D. 06 STATE 11600

Classified By: Global Affairs Counselor Donald R. Shemanski, for reason  
s 1.4 (b) and (d).

[1](#)1. (U) This is an action request -- please see paragraph 3.

[1](#)2. (S) German MFA Export Control Division Desk Officer  
Andreas Kauke passed a request from the German Government  
concerning ref A and ref D to Global Affairs officer May 10.  
Ref D informed the German Government that the XXXXXXXXXXXX shipped over 40 metric tons of chemicals  
in June 2006 to the Iranian Defense Industries Organization.  
Ref A requested an update of any German investigations into  
this transaction. Kauke said German authorities found during  
their investigation that the chemical shipped to Iran was  
mold powder. This chemical is not listed on any Australia  
Group Common List, nor could the German Federal Intelligence  
Service (BND) determine any military use for it, Kauke said.  
Therefore, the export of this chemical would not require a  
license and the exporter violated no German law. Kauke added  
that the BND queried U.S. authorities concerning a military  
use for mold powder but received no response. Unless the  
German authorities receive some information indicating how  
the delivery of this chemical violated German export control  
laws or otherwise harmed Germany's national security  
interests, the authorities have no further action to take.

[1](#)3. (S) ACTION REQUEST: Post requests guidance to respond to  
this German query.  
TIMKEN JR